

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company)	
(SBC Illinois) and)	
Sage Telecom, Inc.)	
)	Docket No. 04-0380
)	
Joint Petition for Approval of the First)	
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement)	
dated April 30, 2004 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)	

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS F. DIXON ON BEHALF OF MCI, INC.

I, Thomas F. Dixon, am over the age of 18 years. I have been employed by MCI, Inc., and its predecessors for nearly ten years. I am an associate counsel/senior attorney for MCI, Inc. I have been actively involved in the regulation of utilities in excess of 20 years from a variety of perspectives and have appeared before eight state public utilities commissions. Previously, I was an administrative law judge for the Colorado Public Utilities Commission for over 8 years.

I recently participated in the negotiation of amendment to the current interconnection agreement between MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC and Qwest Corporation as well as a master services agreement both of which were signed by the parties on July 16, 2004. Throughout the negotiations, MCI advocated that any agreements that came out of the negotiations must be filed with state commissions under Section 252 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 as well as with the Federal Communications Commission.

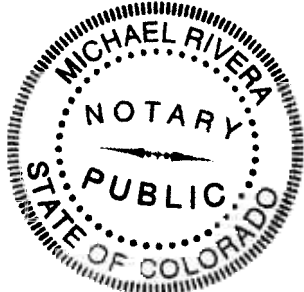
The master services agreement provides in pertinent part in paragraph 23:

23. Regulatory Approval. Each party reserves its rights with respect to whether this Agreement is subject to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

On July 21, 2004, I sent to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for filing under its rules and Section 252 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 the amendment to the interconnection agreement and the master services agreement. Attached hereto are the cover letter and the documents that were sent for filing. MCI intends to make a similar filing of these documents in the remaining 13 states in which Qwest is the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier. The New Mexico agreements are representative of the filings that MCI plans to make in the remaining 13 Qwest states. Prior to filing these documents in New Mexico, I sent a draft of the cover letter to Qwest for its review and discussed our filing with Tom Dethlefs, a Qwest attorney also involved in the negotiations. Subsequently on June 21, 2004, I personally hand delivered a copy of

the complete filing to Cathy Hansen, a staff assistant to Wendy Moser, Vice President,
Policy and Associate General Counsel for Qwest Communications International Inc.

Dated: July 22, 2004



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Dixon", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas F. Dixon
Associate Counsel/ Senior Attorney
MCI, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of July, 2004, by Thomas F.
Dixon.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10/10/2007

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Rivera", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes the word "MICHAEL" and "RIVERA" in blue capital letters.

Notary Public